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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. SUPREME DECREE 5789, MAY 8, 1961 ASSIGNED CONTROL AND SUPERVISION TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF ALL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND EQUIPMENT TO MANUFACTURE ABOVE ITEMS.

2. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PROCEDURE REQUIRES IMPORTERS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN IMPORT REQUEST. FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED BY MINISTRY:

- A. ON LEGAL PAPER, SUBMIT REQUEST
- B. CERTIFY FIRM IS REGISTERED WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY.
- C. COPY OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS FORMALLY ESTABLISHING FIRM.
- D. PROOF THAT BUSINESS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID.
- E. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVES.
- F. COPY OF SELLER'S PRO FORMA INVOICE.

3. IF MINISTRY APPROVES IMPORTATION, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ISSUES IMPORTER A RESOLUCION MINISTERIAL (IMPORT PERMIT) VALID FOR 180 DAYS. DECREE ISSUED FOR ONLY ONE TRANSACTION BASED ON SELLER'S PRO FORMA INVOICE, I.E. NAME OF MANUFACTURER AND SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND QUANTITIES.

4. FOR IMPORTER TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL RESOLUCION OR FOR RESOLUCION TO BE VALID, IMPORTER MUST FIRST SUBMIT TO MINISTRY A BANCO

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CENTRAL DE BOLIVIA DEPOSIT RECEIPT IN THE SUM OF FIVE PERCENT OF

FOB FACTORY VALUE IN FAVOR OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THIS IS A SERVICE TAX.

5. UPON NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL OF GOODS, IMPORTER PRESENTS MINISTERIAL RESOLUCION TO CUSTOMS. SHIPMENT IS INSPECTED BY CUSTOMS AND BY A MEMBER OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. BOTH AGENCIES SIGN CUSTOMS ENTRY DECLARATION.

6. IMPORTER IS REQUIRED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN SALES LOG FOR WEAPONS. THIS CONTROL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AMMUNITION. LOG ENTRY IS BY SALES ORDER, NAME OF PURCHASER, BUYER'S CARNET NUMBER (PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY GOB), TYPE WEAPON, SERIAL NUMBER AND MANUFACTURER'S NAME. EACH MONTH IMPORTER PRESENTS LOG TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. ONCE THIS APPROVAL ISSUED, COPY IS SENT TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

7. RETAIL PURCHASER OF HAND GUNS ONLY MUST REGISTER FIREARMS WITH HIS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN REGISTERING, BUYER PRESENTS SALES RECEIPT.

8. PRIOR TO TRANSPORTING WEAPONS FROM OWNER'S POLICE DISTRICT, HE MUST FIRST OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION TO DO SO. APPEARS THIS CONTROL IS ENFORCE.
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